(12) Tree can be hypothecated to banks/financial institution for raising loan.

(13) To ensure proper implementation, recommendations have been made to create nodal agencies at all levels:—

(a) Department of Rural Development to be the Nodal Agency at Government of India level.

(b) State level committee with Secretary (RD) as convener with other Secretaries, Revenue, Forest PWD as members.

(c) District level committee with Collector as the head with the Project Directors, DRDA/ ITDP and representative of other Government departments as members.

(d) Block level committee with representatives from all Departments and Panchayat Raj Institution.

(e) A revenue official to be placed with the BDO to look after this Scheme and depending on the work load, a forest official can also be placed at the Block level.

Passing of naval secrets to Pakistan Embassy

815. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the persons involved in passing on naval secrets to Pakistan Embassy recently, have been arrested;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what action has been taken by Government against them; and

(d) what further measures are proposed to be taken by Government to check such nefarious activities in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to information received from the Delhi Administration, two persons, of whom one is a Naval employee, were arrested on 24-11-1986 in a case registered on the same day under sections 3/5/9 of the Official Secrets Act read with section 120-B IPC and section 120-B IPC at PS Tilak Marg, New Delhi. The charge sheet against the two accused persons has since been filed in the court.

(d) Constant vigilance is being maintained by the security agencies to unearth, detect and neutralise any attempt at espionage and other such prejudicial activities by any individual or organisation.

स्वीकृति के लिये लम्बित पड़ी सिंचाई और विद्युत परियोजनाएं

816. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक :**
श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला :

क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कितनी सिंचाई और बिजली परियोजनाएं पर्यावरण संबंधी आपत्तियों के कारण लम्बित पड़ी हैं ; और

(ख) इन परियोजनाओं के संबंध में निर्णय लेने की अधिकतम अवधि क्या तय की गई है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जेड० आर० अन्सारी) : (क) मांगी गई जानकारी की अनुपलब्धता के कारण 64 सिंचाई और विद्युत् परियोजनाओं पर पर्यावरण की दृष्टि से विचार किया जाना बाकी है। नौ परियोजनाओं में वानिकी की दृष्टि से स्वीकृति की प्रतीक्षा है ।